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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6356

BILL NUMBER: HB 1555

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Abolition of Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Liggett

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill abolishes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission (BMVC). The bill transfers duties performed by the BMVC to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) or to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The bill repeals various provisions referring to the BMVC. It also repeals the criminal penalties for violation of the duties of the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The bill also repeals the criminal penalty to the Bureau for various violations of record keeping and dissemination.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003; January 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: With the abolition of the BMVC, there will be minor cost savings associated with the per diem and travel paid to Commission members. Over the last three years, Commission members received \$50 per meeting plus travel reimbursement. This has amounted to approximately \$700 per year, or about \$140 per member per year. The fund affected is the State License Branch Fund, which supports the BMVC.

In addition, the BMVC employee benefit package does not include disability insurance as is provided to current state employees. The minimum cost of adding disability insurance for employees of the BMVC is estimated to be \$620,000 based on current salaries. Any adjustments to the base salary of BMVC employees will be at administrative discretion.

The BMV has suggested the potential need for additional staff. It should be noted that the work of the two agencies currently is being done with the existing staff at the BMV and the BMVC. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Account which supports the BMV.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and

resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions. For FY 2002, the BMV reverted \$1,058,517 from their main operating account. The Staffing Table for December 30, 2002, revealed that the BMV had 55 vacancies with annual budgeted salaries amounting to \$1,189,682.

Background Information: The following table lists the number of BMVC employees by type of position.

BMVC Title	Number of BMVC Employees
Customer Service Representative	1,246
Accounting Clerk	113
Customer Service Team Leader	180
Assistant Manager	62
Manager	158
Regional Trainer	13
Regional Training Manager	1
Total	1,773

The following table shows the number of BMVC positions authorized and the number filled, along with the salary.

	Authorized	Filled
Salary	\$34,962,536	\$32,618,794
Positions	1,772	1,657

Explanation of State Revenues: Revenue is not expected to be affected by the abolition of the BMVC.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; State Department of Personnel.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: BMV data; State Department of Personnel.

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